

25X1A9a

COUNTRY Ecuador

**SUBJECT** Changes in Equadoran

PLACE 25X1A6a

ACQUIRED

DATE OF IN

25X1X6

**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**INFORMATION REPORT**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

REPORT NO.

CD NO.

DATE DISTR. 2 Mar 1949

NO. OF PAGES 1

NO. OF ENCLS.  
(LISTED BELOW)

**SUPPLEMENT TO  
REPORT NO.**

Foreign Ministry  
Document No. 06

NO CHANGE in Class. ☐

✓ DECLASSIFIED

Class. ~~CHANGED~~ ~~SECRET~~ ~~SECRET~~

DDA Memo 4 Apr

Auth: ~~DDA REG-7/1/63~~

Date: 12/05/78 By: 0

1. According to T. Urbina Ortiz, an employee of the Ecuadoran Ministry of Foreign Relations and a member of the Conservative Party, several changes in personnel have been made recently in that Ministry at the instigation of Benjamin Peralta,\* Chief of the Diplomatic Section of the Foreign Ministry. Urbina stated that Peralta, who has requested assignment in Central America, wishes to have personal contacts in the Ministry after he leaves Ecuador and for that reason has made an effort to install his leftist friends in positions of importance.
2. The following appointments resulted from Peralta's influence:
  - a. Adolfo Paez, considered by Urbina to be leftist, has been named Chief of the Communications Department;
  - b. Teodoro Bustamante, characterized as "a weak and easily handled person", has been appointed head of the Diplomatic Section;
  - c. One (fnu) Munoz has been put in charge of the registered documents in Bustamante's section and is responsible for the keys of the Ministry and the safe combinations.
3. Urbina stated that until recently Munoz was so anti-Plaza and such an extreme leftist that the Sub-Secretary of the Ministry was going to discharge him, but Peralta, with his influence as a long-time member of the Ministry, interceded and secured him his new position. Urbina claims that Munoz now controls himself in public, but when he becomes drunk among friends he expresses himself strongly against the United States and the American concept of private property. Urbina also alleged that several times when confidential documents have been requested of Munoz during the mornings, he is unable to find them, but the missing papers have usually been available later in the day. Urbina strongly suspects that the confidential documents are being passed out to leftists or Communists. He is certain that the Argentine Ambassador to Ecuador has access to many confidential reports.\*\*

\*It was reported in November 1948 that Peralta had been expelled from the Communist Party of Ecuador for an unknown reason.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

CLASSIFICATION										<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>														
STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSRB		DISTRIBUTION																		
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIR		FBI																				



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 13 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.

Next Review Date: 2008